



<u>ORDER</u>

21 CV 3194 (VB)

By Order dated April 14, 2021, (Doc. #6), the Court referred this case to Magistrate Judge Paul E. Davison for a report and recommendation.

To conserve resources, to promote judicial efficiency, and in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties must discuss whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conducting all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge.

If both parties consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge, counsel for the defendant must, by no later than July 7, 2021, file a letter with the Court, with an attached fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form, the blank form for which is attached to this order (and also available at

https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/AO-3.pdf). If the Court approves that form, all further proceedings will then be conducted before the assigned Magistrate Judge rather than before me. An information sheet on proceedings before magistrate judges is also attached to this Order. Any appeal would be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

If either party does not consent to conducting all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge, defendant's counsel shall file a letter by no later than July 7, 2021, advising the Court that the parties do not consent, but without disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not consent. The parties are free to withhold consent without negative consequences.

Dated: June 23, 2021

White Plains, NY

SO ORDERED:

Vincent L. Briccetti

United States District Judge



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES: REFERRALS AND CONSENTS

All cases in the Southern District of New York are assigned to two judges: a district judge and a magistrate judge. District judges are appointed for life terms by the President. Magistrate judges are selected by a majority vote of the district judges in the particular district and serve terms of eight years.

Referrals to the Magistrate Judge: The district judge assigned to your case may refer the case to a magistrate judge for specific purposes. Commonly, the referral will be for the magistrate judge to conduct the proceedings that occur before trial, such as resolving discovery disputes or presiding over settlement conferences. A referral may also be made for the magistrate judge to issue to the district judge a report and recommendation on how to resolve a motion, such as a motion to dismiss or a motion for summary judgment. The consent of the parties is not needed for the district judge to refer the case to the magistrate judge for these purposes. If the district judge has made such a referral, you can ask the district judge to review any magistrate judge's decision by filing an objection with the district judge within fourteen days of that decision. The district judge will rule on any timely objections that you file. If you do not file an objection, you will give up your right to challenge the magistrate judge's decision at a later time, including on appeal. See Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72.

Consent to Proceed Before the Magistrate Judge: If you would like your case to move more quickly, it is helpful to consent to proceed before the magistrate judge for all purposes, including any trial. If all parties consent, the magistrate judge will perform the identical function that the district judge would have performed. Any trial in your case would be either a jury or a nonjury trial, depending upon whether there is a right to a jury trial and a proper request for such a trial. The only difference is that the magistrate judge – and not the district judge – would preside over that trial. Cases that proceed for all purposes before a magistrate judge generally move more quickly than cases before a district judge. If all parties consent to proceed before the magistrate judge, the district judge plays no further role in the case. Any appeal is taken directly to the Court of Appeals. It is your choice whether or not to consent to proceed before the magistrate judge.

A copy of the appropriate consent form is attached. Additional forms are also available from the Pro Se Intake Unit and on the Court's website.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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Plaintiff V. Defendant))) Civil Action No)	
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NOTICE, CONSENT, AND REFERE	NCE OF A CIVIL ACTION TO A MAGISTRA	TE JUDGE
all proceedings in this civil action (including a jury	y. A United States magistrate judge of this court is or nonjury trial) and to order the entry of a final judgourt of appeals like any other judgment of this countarily consent.	gment. The judgment
You may consent to have your case referred substantive consequences. The name of any party be involved with your case.	d to a magistrate judge, or you may withhold your co withholding consent will not be revealed to any judg	nsent without adverse ge who may otherwise
Consent to a magistrate judge's authority conduct all proceedings in this case including trial	The following parties consent to have a United Sol, the entry of final judgment, and all post-trial produced in the control of	tates magistrate judge ceedings.
Printed names of parties and attorneys	Signatures of parties or attorneys	Dates
	Reference Order	
IT IS ORDERED: This case is referred order the entry of a final judgment in accordance	to a United States magistrate judge to conduct all p	proceedings and
Date:	District Judge's signature	,
	Printed name and title	

Note: Return this form to the clerk of court only if you are consenting to the exercise of jurisdiction by a United States magistrate judge. Do not return this form to a judge.